Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method of encoding a document comprising the steps of:

identifying multiple characteristics about text of the document;

creating a key for correlating the multiple characteristics with multiple unique indicia; and

placing at least some of the unique indicia adjacent at least some lines of text in the document, wherein the unique indicia placed adjacent each line of text correspond to the characteristic or characteristics in the line of text on the basis of the key, and wherein there is at least one line of text having at least two unique indicia adjacent thereto.

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein in the steps of creating and placing, the unique indicia comprise color-coded segments.

3.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the document is stored on a digital medium, and in the steps of creating and placing, the key is stored on a digital medium, and the unique indicia are stored in a digital medium.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein in the steps of creating and placing, the color-coded segments comprise shades of gray are placed in a margin adjacent to and in line with the text of the line, and wherein there are at least some color-coded segments placed contiguously with the same color-coded segments from adjacent lines of text and in a columnar arrangement perpendicular to the lines of text.

5.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising a step of selectively changing the key by changing at least one of the color-coding and the characteristics.

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6.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of placing comprises printing the document with the unique indicia adjacent to the line of text in a margin thereof.

7.   (Currently amended) A system for encoding and displaying a document comprising:

> a memory containing a document and multiple characteristics about text of the document each in relation to a unique indicia, and containing a key for correlating the multiple characteristics with each of the unique indicia;
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> a display showing at least some of the unique indicia adjacent at least some lines of text in the document, wherein the unique indicia placed adjacent each line of text correspond to the characteristic or characteristics in the line of text on the basis of the key, and wherein there is at least one line of text having at least two unique indicia adjacent thereto.

8.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the memory comprises a digital recording medium, and the system further comprises a processor for controlling the display, and for selectively changing at least one of the characteristics and the unique indicia in the key.

9.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the unique indicia comprise color-coded segments.

10.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the color-coded segments comprise shades of gray are placed in a margin adjacent to and in line with the text of the line, and wherein there are at least some color-coded segments placed contiguously with the same color-coded segments from adjacent lines of text and in a columnar arrangement perpendicular to the lines of text.

11.   (Currently amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim ~~8 wherein the display comprises a computer monitor~~ 1, wherein the unique indicia are displayed in columns formed in the margin of the document, and at least some lines have at least two characteristics and a corresponding number of unique indicia in the margin adjacent the lines.

12.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the unique indicia are displayed in columns formed in the margin of the document, and at least some lines have at least two characteristics and a corresponding number of unique indicia in the margin adjacent the lines.

13.   (Currently amended) An encoded document, comprising:

a document having various lines of text having multiple characteristics; and

multiple unique indicia in a margin of the document adjacent at least some lines of text, the unique indicia corresponding to the multiple characteristics in each of the various lines of text, and wherein there is at least one line of text having at least two unique indicia adjacent thereto.

14.   (Previously presented) The document of claim 13 wherein the unique indicia comprise color-coded segments.

15.   (Currently amended) The document of claim 14 wherein the color-coded segments ~~comprise shades of gray~~ are placed in a margin adjacent to and in line with the text of the line, and wherein there are at least some color-coded segments placed contiguously with the same color-coded segments from adjacent lines of text and in a columnar arrangement perpendicular to the lines of text.

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16.   (Previously presented) The document of claim 13, wherein the unique indicia are displayed in a margin of the document in columns, and at least some lines of text have at least two characteristics and a corresponding number of unique indicia in the margin.

17.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the characteristics of each line are stored in a digital recording medium, and there is a step of selectively placing a plurality of the unique indicia corresponding to the multiple characteristics, based on the key, adjacent at least some of the lines of text.

18.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 7 further comprising a controller for enabling a user to select a plurality of the multiple characteristics, and for changing the display based on the selection to show the unique indicia which correspond to the selected multiple characteristics.

19.   (Previously presented) The document of claim 13 wherein the document is stored on a digital storage medium.

20.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of storing the document on a digital recording medium.